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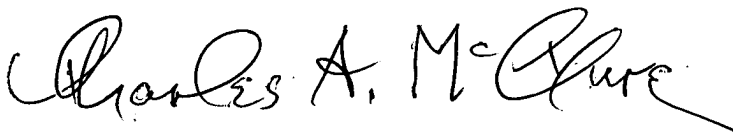
This is responsive to the final rejection dated 3 Nov. 1999.

Applicant requests entry of this Amendment for Allowance, which proposes to cancel non-allowable claim 12 and to amend rejected (for indefiniteness, but otherwise allowable) claims 15, 24, 25, and 26, and to rewrite claim 27 (as new claim 29) in accordance with the Examiner's most recent rewording suggestion.

New product-by-process claim is presented, based upon claim 29 as claim 27 is based upon claim 24, and its allowance is solicited.

The allowed claims would be as follows: 11, 15, 17, 18, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, a total of ten claims--whose allowance is urged. A copy of all resulting claims is enclosed herewith for convenience.

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